

Lake County Illinois

*Central Permit Facility
500 W Winchester Road
Libertyville, Illinois 60048*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

11:00 AM

2nd Floor, Main Conference Room

Energy & Environment Committee

1. Call to Order

Chair Wilke called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Present 6 - Chair Wilke, Vice Chair Wasik, Member Clark, Member Frank, Member Rummel and Member Vealitzek

Absent 1 - Member Carlson

Chair Wilke noting there is a physical quorum present, Member Frank will be participating electronically.

Others present:

Larry Friedrichs, Lake County Resident

Joan Sayre, Libertyville Sustainability Commission

Ryan Sickh, Health Department

Krista Braun, Planning, Building And Development

Jeremiah Varco, Finance and Administrative Services

Kurt Schulz, Finance and Administrative Services

RuthAnne Hall, Finance and Administrative Services

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Mike Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services

Anthony Cooling, Finance and Administrative Services

Angela Panatri, Stormwater Management Commission

Kafilat Smith, Lake County Resident

Radu Roman, Lake County Resident

Kevin Kerrigan, Division of Transportation

Josh Wallace, Division of Transportation

Mike Wright, Lake County Forest Preserve

Tim Salamon, Human Resources

Kevin Carrier, Division of Transportation

John Nelsen, Lake County Forest Preserve

Steve Carroll, Coroner's Office

Efren Heredia, Health Department

Kelly Osbourne, Public Works

John Mason, Division of Transportation

Philip Rovang, Lake County Resident

Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald

Brooke Hooker, County Administrators Office

Amy McEwan, Interim County Administrator

Dakisha Wesley, Assistant County Administrator

Paul Fetherston, Assistant County Administrator

Heidie Hernandez, County Board Office

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Rummel lead the pledge of allegiance.

3. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no items added to the agenda.

4. Public Comment

Radu Roman, Lake County Resident, requested the committee consider amending the County's nuisance ordinance to include a ban on burning leaves.

5. Chair's Remarks

No remarks were provided by the Chair.

6. New Business**CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no items under the consent agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA**6.1 [19-0054](#)**

Committee discussion on issues and ideas for coming year. (20 minutes - facilitated by Grace Rink, County's sustainability consultant)

Grace Rink of Quercus Consulting and the County's sustainability consultant provided a brief background and indicated that she's been the county's sustainability consultant for the last year. Ms. Rink opened the discussion for feedback on issues or ideas for sustainability.

Member Rummel inquired about potential opportunities to convert the County facilities to solar energy. Ms. Rink responded that a county-wide collaborative Solar Energy Request for Proposals (RFP) is being drafted, however, due to the Future Energy Jobs Act, the funding dynamics have changed. Rather than purchasing solar panels, the County will contract with a solar developer which will own and maintain the solar energy system. More than seven County facilities have been identified for solar energy use. Ms. Rink noted that there are 11 units of local government that have expressed interest with 37 facilities identified for solar energy.

Discussion occurred on committing a staff resource to sustainability. County Board Chair Hart indicated her support for a discussion in the near future.

Vice Chair Wasik asked if there is any indication of setting a goal for the County to be at 100 percent renewable energy by 2040. He feels it would be in the County's best interest to have such a goal in place. Ms. Rink reported that this matter is in the horizon and on the table for this year.

Member Clark asked about options to reduce light pollution. Ms. Rink noted that she recently assisted in identifying potential solutions for the City of Highland Park and provided details. The community found it would be best to first address commercial areas. Member Rummel expressed his interest in reducing the light pollution for the constituents

that live near commercially zoned areas.

Chair Wilke requested an update on Paratransit at the next meeting. Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider confirmed that reports and a presentation could be ready for the next meeting.

Member Clark requested an amendment to the nuisance ordinance be considered to ban leaf burning due to safety concerns and health effects.

Member Vealitzek, raised the issue of waste and if there is a zero waste plan in place Discussion ensued.

Chair Wilke added that he would like to see the wind power ordinance reviewed as technology continuously advances.

County Board Chair Hart would like to include a discussion to reduce the usage of single use plastic and grocery bags.

This item was discussed.

6.2 [19-0056](#)

Sustainability consultant contract overview (Grace Rink, County's sustainability coordinator).

Attachments: [Year One Report 2017-2018](#)
[Lake County Energy Audit Report 2018 \(003\)](#)
[Lake County Carbon Footprint Summary](#)

Grace Rink, County's sustainability consultant, highlighted programs and efforts made over the last year. She reported on the food scrap composting program implemented in the County's Detention Center. A waste audit was conducted at the County's Detention Center and the results concluded that 80 percent of the waste could either be recycled or composted. The program takes on food, office waste, and clothing, diverting it from landfill. Additionally, Ms. Rink indicated data will be provided to accurately estimate the County's carbon footprint. Discussion ensued on other policies and programs including energy audits were conducted on seven County facilities.

This item was discussed.

6.3 [19-0057](#)

Departmental overview of sustainability efforts: policies, practices, and projects. (20-30 minutes presentation and discussion per department)

Assistant County Administrator Paul Fetherston noted that departments were asked to present an overview of policies and projects that may be of interest to this committee. Division of Transportation Director Shane Schneider reported on guidelines the division follows such the Clean Water Act, the endangered species requirements, and filter project through the National Environmental Policy Act. He further indicated that the goal is to

avoid impact to the environment and minimize the carbon foot print impacts. Mr. Schneider also reported on other programs such as the cost sharing programs and adopt the highway programs.

Mr. Fetherston indicated that the Planning, Building and Development Department's presentation will be provided during the next meeting along with a presentation on Facilities, and potentially Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and the Stormwater Management Commission.

This item was presented.

6.4 [19-0058](#)

Resources.

Attachments: [Lake County Strategic Plan](#)
[Sustainability Plan - 2015 Update](#)
[Lake County Sustainability Chapter - Amendment to LC Regional Framework](#)
[Sustainability Progress Report Update](#)
[SWALCO Recycling Guidelines - January 2019](#)
[60_TaskForceReport_Final_Dec15_2011](#)
[60 Percent Task Force Report, Appendices, final](#)

There was consensus that the committee would like to additional information on the hiring of an in-house sustainability coordinator. Member Rummel noted that he is for filling that position, however, he feels a team should be assigned to this individual. He also added that this position should be a full-time position solely dedicated to sustainability.

This item was presented.

7. Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

8. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's report.

9. Members' Remarks

There were no members' remarks.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 a.m.

**A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Rummel, to adjourn.
The motion carried unanimously.**

Absent: 1 - Member Carlson

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Meeting minutes prepared by Heidie Hernandez.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair

Vice-Chair

Energy and Environment Committee